

**Councillors Bonnette, Carney say**

**Need rink ramp soon**

Since Halton Hills has saved over \$30,000 by not donating funds set aside for town hall demolition to the revived restoration project, the money should be used to construct a handicapped ramp for Acton Community Centre (the arena) according to a new member of Halton Hills council.

Both new Acton representative Rick Bonnette and new Georgetown councillor Phil Carney raised the subject of the handicapped ramp which was planned for 1982 but was dropped late in the year at a recent council meeting.

Bonnette raised the issue by referring to a letter written to councillors, recreation director Tom Shepard and council candidates last month blasting the decision not to put in the ramp this year.

Bonnette noted he had talked about the ramp issue with recreation director Tom Shepard and reviewed the matter.

He suggested the ramp should be installed before the end of March, adding it will be useful not just to the handicapped but also injured players going to the rink and fans who have been ill. Bonnette described the rink stairs as being "treacherous." It is difficult to accept that Alcott Arena in Georgetown has facilities not provided in Acton, Bonnette declared.

Mayor Peter Pomeroy suggested the matter be referred to the 1983 budget committee.

Shepard, in reply to a question from Bonnette, said his department had answered Mrs. Dodds' letter.

**Carney said money investigate break-in**

Guelph OPP investigated a break-in at the Rockwood Medical Centre at 182 Guelph St., on December 25, at 4:15 p.m. There was no report of any items missing.

saved on the town hall could be used to build the ramp.

Pomeroy said this was a "fair request" and asked the treasurer, Ray King, what will be done with the town hall reserve fund. King said the account continues for 1983 as a reserve and council can change that status by resolution.

Pomeroy said before further action is taken a report on ramp costs

was needed.

Councillor Pam Sheldon said the matter should be referred to budget committee like everything else. She noted many important projects are sent to budget committee for consideration without strings attached, and the ramp should be handled in the same manner.

She noted at the recent Heritage Conservation Review Board hear-

ing Actonians supporting the town hall had argued there was no need for special handicapped facilities at the town hall.

Councillor Dave Whiting complained about the recreation department overlooking the needs of the handicapped.

Shepard reported he will be including \$4,000 in his 1983 budget for the ramp at the Acton arena.



Connie Granger, centre, enjoys the company of Lorraine and Ted Cheskey at the Lakeview Villa's Christmas party last week. A turkey supper was followed by a visit from Santa.



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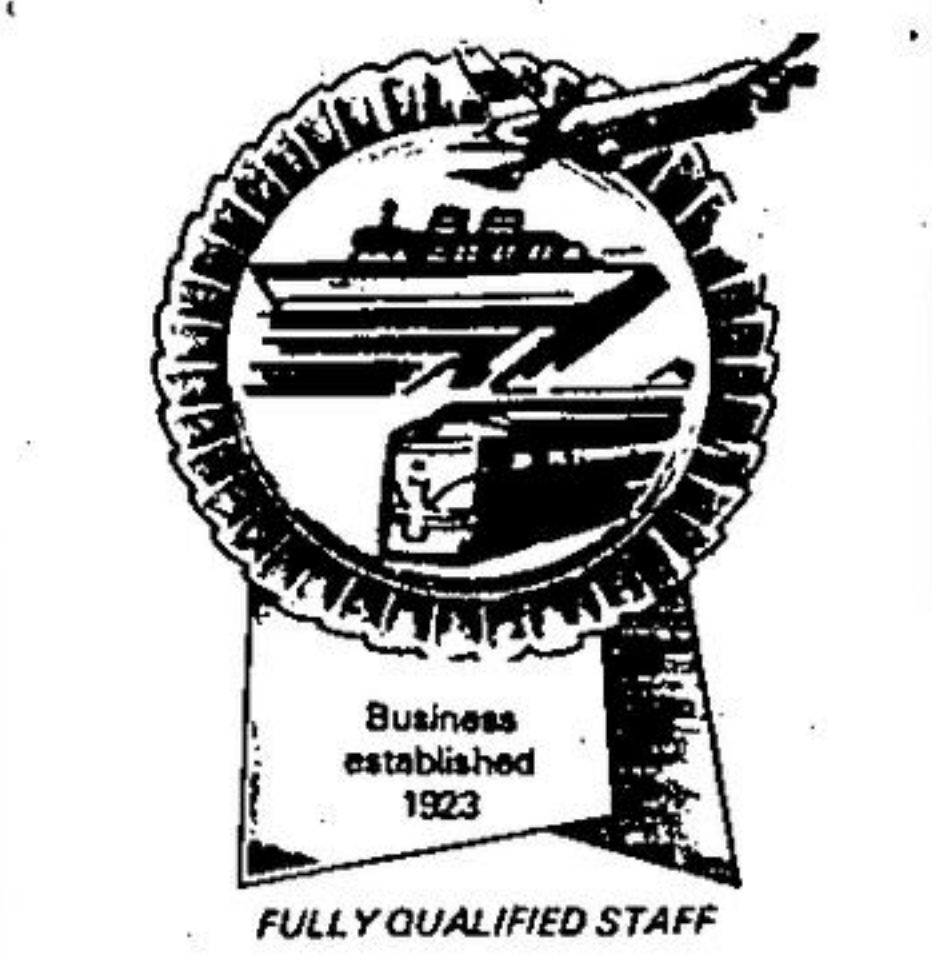


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